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SUBJ: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS - SEPT. 10-16, 1976

### I. PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE

1. MISSING AIRCRAFT - THE ATTENTION OF THE MEDIA, AND OF THE AMERICAN MISSION THIS WEEK, WAS DEVOTED HEAVILY TO THE MISSING AIRCRAFT CARRYING OUR AID MISSION DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR AT THE ADB, AS WELL AS DIPLOMATS FROM JAPAN AND GERMANY AND OTHERS. NO COMMENTARY HAS APPEARED, ONLY UNIVERSAL CONCERN AND SYMPATHY EXPRESSED IN THE HEADLINES AND IN TV NEWS LEADS.

2. COCONUT OIL - A SPEECH BY PRESIDENT MARCOS EARLY IN THE WEEK DEMANDING EQUAL TARIFF TREATMENT FOR COCONUT OIL EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WITH PALM OIL EXPORTS FROM OTHER NATIONS WAS TELECAST LIVE AND AC-CORDED MODERATE PRESS PLAY. THE ISSUE GAVE EXPRESS COLUMNIST TEODORO VALENCIA YET ANOTHER CHANCE TO CRY "DISCRIMINATION."

3. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN - ECONOMIC PORTIONS OF A SPEECH BY THE AMBASSADOR BEFORE SEVERAL LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS WERE GIVEN MINOR UNCLASSIFIED

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NEWS COVERAGE, BUT THE SAME MR. VALENCIA CHOSE TO DISTORT

AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION THAT THE PHILIPPINES IS ON THE THRESHOLD OF AN ECONOMIC BOOM AND CAN LOOK FORWARD TO INCREASED FOREIGN INVESTMENT AS "A PACKAGE OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SLAVERY TO THE U.S." NO OTHER SUCH COMMENTS APPEARED.

4. MORE MINOR IRRITANTS - THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO BAR ALIENS FROM U.S.G. JOBS, THE IMMINENT DEPARTURE FOR THE U.S. OF THE PARENTS OF THE DETROIT NURSES, AND MINOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE OFF-BASE SEARCH CASE AT CLARK, SUSTAINED SOME LOW-LEVEL UNFAVORABLE REPORTAGE AND COMMENTARY.

5. THE GREAT DEBATES - SO, IN A WEEK MARKED BY UNCOMMON QUIETUDE ON U.S.-PHILIPPINE ISSUES, PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INDICATORS OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE IS THE VERY HIGH INTEREST BY LOCAL TELEVISION IN SATELLITE COVERAGE OF THE UPCOMING DEBATES. CHANNEL 9 WANTS TO CARRY THE DEBATES NO MATTER WHAT AND IS IN TOUCH TWO OR THREE TIMES A DAY TO DETERMINE WHERE THEY STAND. THE DAILY EXPRESS HAS AGREED TO SPONSOR. WHEN REMINDED THAT THE FIRST DEBATE WILL CONCENTRATE ON DOMESTIC ISSUES, THEY REPLY THAT EVERY ONE WANTS TO FIND OUT WHAT THE TWO MEN ARE LIKE.

## II. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES:

1. VOLUNTARY SPEAKER RICHARD MEIER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY SPOKE ON VARIOUS URBAN AFFAIRS-RELATED TOPICS TO STUDENT AND PROFESSIONAL GROUPS IN MANILA AND DAVAO. POST CONSIDERS HIS PROGRAM TO HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE, ESPECIALLY IN SITUATIONS WHERE HIS AUDIENCE WAS WELL DEFINED IN TERMS OF PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS. HIS EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR THIRD-WORLD ANSWERS TO THIRD-WORLD PROBLEMS WAS MOST APPRECIATED BY HIS AUDIENCES.

2. TJCC'S MONTHLY LIVE CONCERT, ONE OF CENTER'S MOST SUCCESSFUL REGULAR PROGRAMS, BECAME ALMOST TOO SUCCESSFUL SEPT. 11 AS MORE THAN 700 PEOPLE CROWDED INTO ITS MAIN AUDITORIUM (AND HALLS OUTSIDE) TO HEAR POPULAR YOUNG JAZZ ARTIST BONG PENERA AND HIS "BATUCADA 5" PERFORM BRUBECK AND CHICK COREA TUNES PLUS SOME ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS. MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE HAD TO BE TURNED AWAY, THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTIALLY ASSUAGED WITH PASSES GUARANTEEING SEATS FOR SPECIAL PENERA CONCERT SCHEDULED ON THE SPOT FOR TJCC IN NEAR FUTURE. PENERA, NOW ONE OF TOP JAZZ MUSICIANS IN MANILA, WAS "DISCOVERED" THRU TJCC CONCERT TWO YEARS AGO AND CREDITS CENTER'S JAZZ PROGRAMS FOR MUCH OF HIS PRESENT SUCCESS. PHILLIPS, ACTING

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